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Via Email

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RE: Public Records Act Request; DOJ No. Case No. 2024-01948

Dear Will Scolinos:

This letter is in response to correspondence received by the California Department of Justice (Department) on July 25, 2024, requesting records under the California Public Records Act (PRA) as set forth in Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.

Specifically, you requested the following:

I. Requested Records

Pursuant to the CPRA, Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7920.000, et seq., and the California Constitution, CAL. CONST. art. I, § 3(b), AFL requests disclosure of all records and communications within the records and electronic systems of former Attorney General of California Kamala Harris referring and relating to:

A. Talking points, communications, and related material concerning Harris' preparations for an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle. The time period for this item is from January 1, 2016, to January 1, 2017.

B. All records, including drafts, meeting notes, and related communications, concerning the Quine Settlement and all statements made by Harris concerning the Quine Settlement. The time period for this item is from January 1, 2013, to January 1, 2015.

C. All records relating to Jose Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, an illegal alien from Mexico with a string of prior felonies and five previous deportations. The time period for this item is from July 1, 2014, to December 31, 2015.

For the reasons set forth below, the Department is extending the date for response to your PRA request until August 19, 2024.

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Under the PRA, an agency has 10 days from the receipt of a PRA request to determine whether the request, in whole or in part, seeks copies of disclosable public records in the possession of the agency. (Gov. Code, § 7922.535.) An agency may extend the time limit prescribed by 14 days for reasons specified in Government Code section 7922.535, which may be summarized as follows:

1. The need to search for and collect records from field offices or other facilities that are separate from the office processing the request.
2. The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records that are demanded in a single request.
3. The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject matter interest therein.

In this instance, the Department requires a 14-day extension to consult with multiple components of the agency having substantial interest in the subject matter of your request.

Because your request was received on July 25, 2024, the initial response is due on Monday August 5, 2024. The Department will provide a further response to your request within 14 days, on or before August 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

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